

# SPORTS & FITNESS

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## On Post

### Sports Commissioners

The sports office at Stewart and Hunter are looking for volunteer commissioners for flag football, softball, basketball and volleyball. For more information call 767-8238 or 352-6749.

### HAAF Golf Course

The putting green at Hunter Army Airfield Golf Course is being enlarged from 4,800 sq. ft. to 14,000 sq. ft.. The teeing area and short game practice facility is also being enlarged and renovated. The projected opening date is late September.

### Operation Star

All ages needed for future stars. If you are a dancer, singer, band member, cheerleader, break dancer, stepper or rapper please sign up. Organizations are welcome.

For more information please call 767-4491/4493.

### Lotts Island Marina

The Equipment Rental Center is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information call 352-5974.

### Holbrook Recreation

Holbrook Pond Recreation Area campground is open year-round.

Sites have water and electrical hook ups, bathhouses and a recreation area.

Pavilion Rentals available to military ID card holders only. Rent a custom craft jon boat for two days and get the third day FREE!

For more information call 767-2771 or 767-2717.

### Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults. Classes are held for beginners from 5-6 p.m., intermediate 6-7 p.m. and teen and adult 7-8 p.m., each Tuesday and Thursday at the Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Rd., Bryan Village, next to the shoppette.

The cost is \$25 per month, \$25 for uniform and \$25 for testing fee. Belts are included. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

### Newman offers training

Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers free personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings, exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are by appointment only.

Persons desiring this service may call 767-3031.

### Taylor's Creek Golf Course

Taylor's Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off.

There is also a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and a Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

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### Aerobics classes

The West Broad Street YMCA presents aerobics.

The classes are held from 11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m., 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 5:45-6:45 p.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9-10 a.m., on Saturdays. There is no fee for YMCA members. Non-members must pay \$30 each month.

For more information, call 233-1951.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.



Photos by Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

Grant Hevner surfs a wave onto the sandy beach at Tybee Island in a kayak rented from Hunter.

# Surfboards move over

## Kayakers cruise coastal canals, waterways

### Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

Staff Writer

Many soldiers will say they joined the army for adventure, and many at Fort Stewart have had their fair share. But while in garrison, there are just as many adventures to be had as there are overseas, and the natives might even be friendlier. A multi-day trip through a huge swamp full of alligators, wild pigs and monstrous spiders in a touring kayak might be just the ticket for those looking for a test of endurance, while adrenaline junkies might prefer surfing the waves in a sit-on-top kayak. Either way, adventure abounds in Georgia.

The Canoochee River, which flows west to east through Stewart, is a two-day paddle from the eastern edge of the artillery impact zone to Richmond Hill. The journey passes through one of the most biologically diverse areas in the Southeast, according to Tom Bryce, head fisheries biologist at the Stewart Directorate of Public Works.

"Georgia's Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is generally thought of as the best preserved wetlands in the country," said Bryce. "Well, Okefenokee has 39 species of fish in its waters, while Fort Stewart supports 71. Some of the best wildlife habitat in the country is on military bases."

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation at Stewart and Outdoor Recreation at Hunter Army Airfield both rent one and two-person kayaks and canoes. Both kayaks and

canoes are suitable for the Canoochee, but kayaks are preferable due to their greater agility and stability, said Spc. Grant Hevner, of 1/3 Aviation at Hunter.

"The Canoochee is a great paddle," said Hevner, who kayaked the river this summer. "About an hour after I started from Landing 7, I came around a bend in the river to see this huge tree on a little island that had maybe 200 snowy egrets and ibises in it, all squawking at each other. I felt like I was in the Amazon."

The riverbanks are high enough that it is easy to find dry campsites throughout most of the trip, said Hevner.

"A backpacking tent, sleeping bags, map, and some good camping food are all you really need," said Hevner. "At night I could see an alligator's eyes with my flashlight from across the river. It never moved an inch the whole night. It was an unforgettable experience."

"In some parts of the river, big trees have fallen across the water, so I would get the kayak moving fast and just jump right over them," said Hevner. "You can clear a tree trunk sticking out about six inches above the water, but the higher ones I had to climb out of the kayak, sit on the log, haul the boat over, and continue down the river. It's a good thing the boats only weigh about 35 pounds."

Tybee Island, just east of Savannah, also offers great opportunities for sea kayaking and camping, said Pvt. Thomas Carter, of A Co., Headquarters Command.

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Hevner docks his kayak at a waterfront restaurant.

# C 1/64 shells 26th FSB in intramural soccer

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Grass and goalies were flying Oct. 6 on Fort Stewart's Sports Complex when the 26th Forward Support Battalion took on C Company, 1/64 Armor in a friendly game of soccer. Under blazing mercury-vapor lights, the duel began between the combat-arms and combat support MOSs.

The 1/64 Armor tankers started out strong with a quick goal, inciting cheers from the small mob that attended.

During a timeout shortly thereafter, the 26th's sweat-drenched coach Jimmy Sandoval encouraged the huddled team with a brief motivational speech.

"We're down by one, but that's ok — we need to communicate out there and take more shots on goal," said Sandoval. "If in doubt, just kick it really hard."

The armor company was not deterred by Sandoval's kamikaze strategy, however, and continued their domination of the field, with two more goals scored in short order by Ben Finney.

"We're 2-0 this season even though most of us have never played together before," said 1/64's Perry White. "Our first game we managed to beat the defending champs, so we've got high hopes for the season."

With a final score of 3-0, the combat support



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A strong drive by Jose Campos, C Co., 1/64 Armor brings his team closer to the goal.

26th was beaten, but their prospects remain bright, with much of the season remaining.

"We need to work on communication, but it's only our second game together," said Carmelite

Weiss, who played hard and motivated the team despite her recent oral surgery. "We were already playing a lot better by the end of this game."



# Battle Kings slam Night Hawks in soccer

**Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.**  
Staff Writer

William Aja and David Eastburn scored two goals each to lead the 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment soccer team to a 4-1 win over 1st Battalion 351st Aviation Regiment in intramural action Oct. 8 at the Fort Stewart Intramural Sports Complex.

Eastburn, a forward, scored the game's first goal in the first 5 minutes when he fired the ball past Night Hawks' goalie Patrick Alveranga.

Aja brought in the game's second goal after weaving through the Night Hawks defense to make it 2-0.

He scored again after blowing past the Night Hawks' fullbacks. He

unleashed a shot past Alveranga for a 3-0 lead.

The Night Hawks tried to make it interesting after that. Jose Tabora snuck a shot past Battle Kings' goalie Tim Stevenson for the Night Hawks' only goal.

Eastburn cleared the Night Hawks' defense and scored the Battle Kings' final goal with less than a minute left on the clock.

Eastburn said although it has been a while since the Battle Kings have played together, things look promising for the rest of the season.

"We all have a pretty decent background in soccer," he said. "For a bunch of guys who haven't played in a long time, we really clicked well together."



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane

**Night Hawks' Jose Tabora sends the Battle Kings' Mark Johnson airborne while power sliding the ball from under his feet during an intramural soccer match at the Sports Complex Wednesday.**

## Sports Commissioners join flag football at Stewart

**Nancy Gould**  
DCAS Marketing

Professional sports have them; community sports have them; and now the sports program at the Fort Stewart Recreational Department has them.

Sports commissioners have been around for awhile; however, the positions are new at Stewart. And when the fall season for flag football officially began September 8, two soldiers filled the jobs as volunteer sports commissioners, according to Randy Walker, the Intramural Sports director in the DCAS Recreational Sports office.

They act as liaisons between the sports office and team coaches and will be the point of contact for players who have ideas or complaints about their team or the program, he said. They also assist the sports office staff at games and practices and strongly support the interests of the 40 teams of soldiers (with an average of 14 players per team) scheduled to play the sport.

Both commissioners—Sgt. Tommie Robins, 631st Maintenance Company and SSG (P) Gregory Ellis, Operations NCO C-Battery 1/39— have played and coached flag football before and are knowledgeable about the game.

"When Mr. Walker requested volunteer commissioners, I thought about

it," said Ellis. "It appealed to me because I knew we needed them. We've all witnessed calls that we didn't think were fair. I recently coached a youth team that lost a game by one point. A technical foul was called on an 8-year-old boy for dropping the ball instead of giving it directly to the referee— something a team normally gets warned about. This is the type complaint that a sports commissioner could get, instead of everyone bombarding the director after every game."

Walker said that he wants the commissioner positions to function somewhat like they do in professional sports where commissioners view games objectively to ensure that officials make calls correctly and that the games' rules are enforced. Walker said the commissioners' recommendations carry a lot of weight.

"In professional sports, commissioners are selected according to their knowledge and are usually people who have played the game and are respected by their peers," Walker said. "It will help if guys in these positions are cool headed and can relate well with other soldiers."

Walker works closely with the volunteers, especially when they think corrective actions are needed on the field or when they see additions or changes needed in the program.

"My overall objective is to facilitate soldiers' input and to have a better league—that includes officials, teams, coaches, directors and everything up the line. We want to take every opportunity to improve our program and get more soldiers interested in sports."

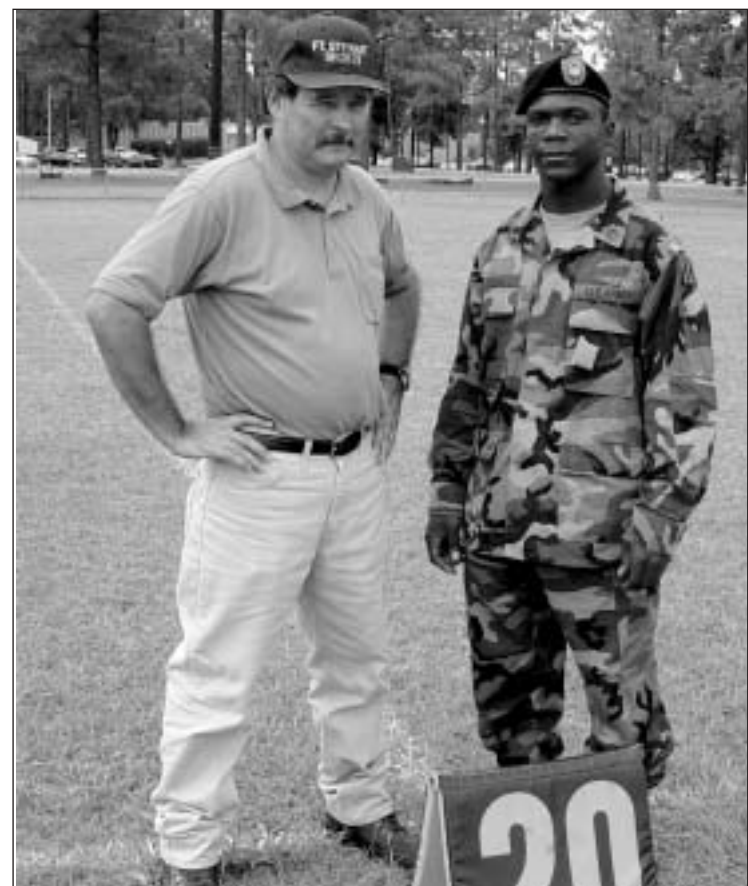
As soldiers, the sports commissioners know the pulse of what other soldiers want.

If they want a weekend tournament, commissioners can facilitate that within a short period of time. Or if at tournament is already scheduled and there's a poor sign-up response, commissioners can find out why and determine if the tournament should be rescheduled or cancelled.

What else would make soldiers interested in this sometimes tough and demanding job?

Walker said that the kinds of people most likely interested are those who enjoy being around the sport in various capacities. This is good training if they want to move up into a paid official position. It teaches them to see the game through different eyes than those of a player and to think objectively—a valuable skill for any endeavor in life.

If you think you might want to become a sports commissioner for another sport in the future, you can call Walker at 912-767-8238.



Nancy Gould

**Randy Walker, Intramural Sport director at Stewart, poses at the 20 yard line with Staff Sgt. Gregory Ellis, a flag football commissioner.**

